

Israeli troops attacked in Lebanon

BEIRUT (R) — Israeli troops exchanged fire with guerrillas near the South Lebanese town of Nabatiyeh Friday, an Israeli military spokesman said. The spokesman said the soldiers came under fire twice and replied to one attack with small arms. There were no Israeli casualties, he said. The Palestinian news agency WAFA said "Lebanese national resistance fighters" staged a machine-gum attack on an Israeli position south of Beirut airport Friday, inflicting a number of casualties. An Israeli military spokesman said only two rounds were fired at the position, near the town of Khalde. He said the incident occurred late Thursday night.

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Habib briefs Lebanese on Shultz tour

BEIRUT (R) — U.S. special envoy Philip Habib arrived in Beirut Friday to brief Lebanese officials on U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz's latest efforts to remove foreign forces from Lebanon. State-run Beirut Radio said Mr. Habib immediately went into talks with Foreign Minister Elie Saadé to tell him of the results of Mr. Shultz's talks in Syria and Israel. Mr. Shultz wound up a six-nation tour of Middle East states Thursday conceding that he had made no progress towards getting Syria and Israel to agree to a simultaneous troop pullout from the country. Mr. Habib arrived in Beirut from Cairo, the last stop on the Shultz tour, where he met President Hosni Mubarak, local radio stations reported.

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Bridge offices to remain open

AMMAN (Petra) — The Public Security Directorate announced Friday that registration offices for visiting the West Bank will be open throughout the 'Eid Al Fitr holiday. Those who want to visit the West Bank should first register with these offices before going to the bridges, the directorate said.

Moscow invites PLO leaders

TUNIS (R) — The Soviet Union Friday invited leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to visit Moscow for consultations. The Tunisian news agency TAP reported. Quoting the Palestinian news agency WAFA, TAP said the "urgent and important message" from the Soviet leadership was delivered to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat by the Soviet chargé d'affaires in Tunis. It invited a delegation from the PLO Executive Committee "to make a visit to Moscow for consultations about the situation in the Arab World."

Moscow Film Festival opens

MOSCOW (R) — Moscow's 13th International Film Festival opened Friday and Soviet President Yuri Andropov told film-makers their art had a lofty mission of communicating with the masses. "Let the voice of film-makers sound throughout the world in favour of the triumph of truth, goodness, social justice, trust and peace among nations," a message from Mr. Andropov said. The Soviet news agency TASS said films from 104 countries, including Jordan were on the programme.

Andropov suggests early round in Geneva talks

BONN (R) — Soviet leader Yuri Andropov has proposed a shortened summer break at the Geneva talks on medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe in an effort to reach agreement. Bonn government spokesman Peter Boenisch said Friday. Mr. Boenisch said that during a meeting with Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Moscow this week Mr. Andropov suggested resuming the talks between the Soviet Union and the United States on Sept. 8 instead of a week later.

Sudanese troops rescue rebel-held relief workers

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudanese troops Friday freed five foreign relief workers held for the last week by southern Sudanese rebels, the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) reported. Quoting a statement by the general command of the Sudanese armed forces, SUNA said "military forces of the Sudanese armed forces Friday morning conducted a successful military operation against outlaws in Boma in southern Sudan and freed the five hostages held by outlaws." (Earlier story on page 2)

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Israeli soldiers, protesters clash in Hebron

W. Bank boils after dismissal of Natche

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) —

Israeli troops clashed with Palestinian demonstrators in Jerusalem and imposed a curfew on the West Bank town of Hebron, as widespread protests erupted in the occupied territories following a rampage by Jewish settlers in the streets of Hebron Thursday night.

Troops fired tear gas and bullets in the air to disperse several hundred stone-throwing youths after Friday prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque in East Jerusalem's Old City. Beating back the demonstrators with clubs, soldiers and members of the tough border police brigade hauled away about 20 youths as the demonstration broke up. They also pulled down a group of armed Jews who had clambered onto a roof overlooking the scene.

Natche firing part of plan -- Qawasneh

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Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The deported mayor of Hebron, Fahd Al Qawasneh, said Friday that by dismissing the Hebron town council, the Israelis aim at installing an Israeli-backed town council that would replace the people's elected representatives.

Mr. Qawasneh, commenting on the latest clashes in the West Bank and the imposition of a curfew on Hebron, told the Jordan Times that the dismissal of the acting Hebron mayor, Mustafa Al Natche, and the appointment of an Israeli officer instead "is a sort of a transitional period for the appointment of a committee from the town in the hope that it will co-

perate with the occupation authorities."

"But," Mr. Qawasneh stressed, "I am sure that the awareness of the Hebronites will foil the Israeli attempt as previously happened in other towns of the West Bank, such as Nablus, Ramallah and Al Bireh."

Mr. Qawasneh said that holding the Hebron mayor responsible for the killing of a Jewish youth by a Hebronite Thursday, "is only an excuse," for the town council does not come under the jurisdiction or the administrative powers of the military authorities.

The occupation authorities, Mr. Qawasneh pointed out, "exploit such incidents to achieve their objectives."

the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

The demonstrations carried the Palestinian flag and portraits of Mr. Arafat, Petra said.

Israeli troops tried to break up the demonstration and this led to clashes between the soldiers and demonstrators.

The Hebron killing prompted Israeli occupation forces to sack Acting Mayor Mustafa Natche and his town council and drew an enraged response from the settlers.

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Weeks of simmering unrest between Jewish settlers and Palestinian residents exploded into serious violence Thursday when a Jewish seminary student was stabbed to death in Hebron's Arab market.

On Wednesday, the Israelis imposed a curfew on Nablus, also in the West Bank, following a massive rally in support of Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat.

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MIDDLE EAST

Paris will charge, not extradite, Iranian hijackers

PARIS (R) — Six armed Iranians who hijacked an Iran Air Boeing 747 jumbo jet with 350 people aboard before finally surrendering in Paris will be charged with air piracy, an official statement said.

The one-day hijack ended Thursday when the six, who said they were opposed to the rule of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, gave themselves up to police at Orly airport and released the last of their 351 hostages.

Airport officials said a batch of 180 exhausted passengers, including a religious leader thought to be an ayatollah, had taken off for Tehran and were due to arrive there early Friday morning.

The plane was seized on Wednesday on an Iranian domestic flight and landed in Kuwait before heading for Paris. Nearly half the passengers were freed in Kuwait.

The rest of the hostages, including the crew, were released after Paris-based Iranian rebel leader Massoud Rajavi negotiated with the hijackers by radio from Orly's control tower.

At first they claimed to be members of his left-wing People's Mujahedin, but later said they were only sympathizers.

A statement from the office of Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy said the hijackers would be charged in France with air piracy. Government sources said Paris was unlikely to meet Iranian demands for their extradition.

Relations between the two countries are already strained by the presence of Mr. Rajavi's left-wing Mujahedin and other Iranian opposition groups in France and by the Mitterrand government's firm support for Iraq in the Gulf War.

Airport sources said at least two of the passengers were believed to have asked for political asylum in France, but there was no immediate official confirmation.

"It's a happy ending," said Mr. Rajavi after the hijackers surrendered. "It could have gone very badly. They wanted to stage a protest against Khomeini."

After landing in Paris early Thursday the hijackers, said by police to be young men, threatened to blow up the plane.

French television quoted police as saying that five pistols but no explosives were found in the passenger compartment.

Hijackers disguised as volunteer soldiers

TEHRAN (R) — The men who hijacked an Iran Air Boeing 747 on an internal flight on Wednesday boarded the plane disguised as volunteer soldiers, the national news agency IRNA reported Friday.

The agency said the men even checked passengers' boarding cards and identity documents while they were posing as members of the Basij, a paramilitary volunteer force which assists the regular army and the revolutionary guards.

IRNA quoted a woman who had been on the plane as saying that minutes after it took off from the southern city of Shiraz "three men sitting in the same row that I was sitting in opened a black package, took off three kaffiyehs (scarves), covered their faces, ran to the pilot's cockpit and suddenly everything changed."

She said the hijackers were joined by two other men. One of the hijackers told passengers through the plane's intercom that they would blow up the aircraft if any of them tried to do anything. The hijacker said he and his companions were armed and were holding a package containing explosives behind the pilot's head.

Other reports have said there were six hijackers.

Security arrangements at Iranian airports, as at all official buildings, are usually tight. Passengers boarding internal flights are usually frisked as they enter the departure lounge and their hand luggage is examined by guards.

The newspaper Farsalai reported from Shiraz that security officials of Fars Province were called to a meeting on Wednesday night after the plane was taken over. It said the session continued until the early hours of Thursday but gave no details of what was discussed.

Iranians protest in Manila

MANILA (R) — Two news agency photographers were hurt Friday when Iranian students in the Philippines burned an Israeli flag and effigies of Premier Menachem Begin and Presidents Ronald Reagan and Yuri Andropov in front of the Israeli embassy.

Witnesses said the photographers, Alex Baluyut from the Associated Press and Wilfredo

Vicoy of United Press International, both Filipinos, were accidentally injured when petrol spilled near them and was ignited by the burning flag.

A few demonstrators climbed the porch of the Israeli embassy building and tore down the Israeli flag, setting it ablaze along with the effigies of the American, Soviet and Israeli leaders.

They said that there would pro-

5 sentenced to death in mass trial of Kurds

ANKARA (R) — Five people were sentenced to death Friday and 44 jailed in the third mass trial of Kurdish militants to finish in the southeastern Turkish city of Diyarbakir in the last two months.

Reporters in court said the 68 accused, members of the banned Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), were charged with trying to set up a Kurdish state on Turkish soil by force of arms.

Those jailed received terms ranging from life to three years, while 15 were acquitted and four cases were held over.

Last month, five PKK members were sentenced to hang and 122 jailed on similar charges.

The PKK, whose members are known as apostols here after one of their leaders, was one of the most prominent left-wing Kurdish underground groups.

In Istanbul, martial law authorities announced the capture of

39-left-wing militants in Istanbul and the southern city of Natalya, saying they were accused of eight murders and several armed robberies carried out before the coup.

They did not say when the militants from the underground Turkish Peoples Liberation Army Front (THKPC) were arrested.

Martial law authorities in Ankara Friday released a regular round up of figures which showed that 33,111 people had been convicted of political crimes by military courts between the introduction of martial law, before the coup, and May 31 this year.

Of these, 173 were sentenced to death and 174 to life imprisonment. Most received sentences of up to five years in jail.

The figures showed 17,118 were identified as leftists, 4,444 as rightists and 1,111 as separatists or Kurds. The rest were marked down as of unknown affiliation.

Istanbul editor jailed

ISTANBUL (R) — An Istanbul martial law court has sentenced a magazine editor to seven-and-a-half years in jail on charges of spreading communist propaganda, reporters at the court said.

They said Irfan Asik was charged over an article that appeared in June 1978 in his leftist weekly magazine, Partisan, one of numerous leftist publications in Turkey shut down before and after the 1981 military coup.

Martial law courts are still trying people for offences they have been accused of committing before the coup.

A separate court in Istanbul Thursday acquitted Hasan Karakaya and Aydin Aydin, respectively editor and columnist on the religious daily Milli Gazete, on charges of contravening the country's strict secular state laws, reporters said.

The prosecution asked for up to seven-and-a-half years for the two for articles written by Aydin early this year on religious aspects of politics, but the court rejected the barge.

2 ministers dropped in major UAE shake-up

ABU DHABI (R) — The prime minister of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Rashid Bin Said Al-Maktoum, dropped two ministers Friday and created new ministries in a cabinet reshuffle, the official Emirates news agency reported.

Education Minister Said Sulman and the minister for justice, Islamic affairs and endowments, Mohammad Abdul-Rahman Al-Bakr, were dismissed, a government decree said without giving reasons.

Seif Ali Jarwan was appointed minister of economy and trade, a post which fell vacant when Sheikh Sultan Bin Ahmad Al-Mulla resigned two years ago.

Mr. Jarwan's portfolio of labour and social affairs in the existing cabinet went to former health minister, Khalifa Al-Roumi.

Sheikh Humaid Bin Ahmad Al-Mulla, commander of the police force in the emirate of Umm Al-Qwain, was named planning minister. The post had been vacant for a year.

Finance Ministry Under-Secretary Faraj Fadil Al-Mazroui became the new education minister. Abdulla Humaid Al-Mazroui justice minister and Sheikh Mohammed Bin Hassan Al-Khazraji minister of Islamic affairs and endowments.

Ahmad Humaid Al-Tayir, assistant under-secretary in the finance ministry, was named minister of state for finance, a new cabinet post.

The new ministers are due to be sworn in Saturday.

NEWS IN BRIEF

6 French, 3 Lebanese dead in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — Six French soldiers and three Lebanese workers died when a building collapsed in west Beirut Wednesday. Lebanese officials said Thursday after rescuers pulled the last bodies from the rubble. Five people were also injured when the building caved in, the officials said. French military officers said the Frenchmen, part of the four-nation peacekeeping force in Beirut, were preparing to blow up the remains of the already bomb-damaged building with the help of the Lebanese workers when it collapsed.

48 killed in Turkish lorry crash

ANKARA (R) — Forty-eight farm workers were reported killed and more than 30 injured when a lorry carrying them crashed off a rural road Thursday in central Turkey in one of the country's worst traffic accidents. The truck had 78 men, women and children aboard when it overturned as it sped round a corner at the end of Kozakli, about 200 kilometers southeast of Ankara, the semi-official Anatolian news agency said. It said 41 people were killed on the spot and seven more died on the way to hospital. The dead included at least three children, reporters at the scene said.

India looks for Mideast moves

NEW DELHI (R) — India, as chairman of the 111-member Non-Aligned Movement, is considering new initiatives to tackle the situation in the Middle East. Indian External Affairs Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao said Thursday. A government spokesman said the minister told a parliamentary committee that India was seriously concerned about present developments in the Middle East. A senior official of the external affairs ministry was currently on a week-long visit to the Middle East and the Indian government would consider how best it could help in the peace process after his return to Delhi. Mr. Rao said.

U.N. chief backs UNIFIL

VIENNA (R) — U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar said Thursday he expected the U.N. Security Council to extend the mandate of its multinational peace force in Lebanon. He told a news conference on arrival in Vienna for a three-day working visit that he expected the meeting this week to approve the Lebanese government's request for a three-month extension. Mr. Perez de Cuellar said the United Nations was extremely concerned at the situation in Lebanon, adding that he felt a comprehensive approach was needed to the country's problems. "I strongly think the U.N. provides the best forum... if the parties concerned agreed, the U.N. is prepared to take a leading role," he said.

Zia promises change in politics

ISLAMABAD (R) — Pakistani military ruler Gen. Mohammad Zia Ul Haq has renewed his pledge to outline a new political system next month, at the same time his opponents plan to launch a campaign for democracy. Gen. Zia told reporters various committees were examining the issue and he would make the promised announcement on Aug. 14, the country's 36th independence anniversary. "This is my commitment," he said. Eight banned political parties, allied in the Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD), have also fixed Aug. 14 as the date they will launch a civil disobedience campaign to press for elections and the end of six years of martial law.

Bangladeshi leader promises elections

DHAKA (R) — Military ruler Lt.-Gen. Hossain Mohammad Ershad Friday extended his time-table for a return to civilian rule, saying a general election could take place in Bangladesh by March 1985 if conditions were right. Gen. Ershad earlier this year promised a national poll by Oct. 1984. But he said under the new scheme local elections will precede national elections in order to build up "visible grass-roots democracy." He said elections to nearly 4,000 local union councils will be held on Dec. 27 this year. They will be followed by polls for nearly 100 urban municipal councils on Feb. 11, and more than 400 thana (police station) councils on March 24 next year.

Turkish junta baulks at new party

ANKARA (R) — Turkey's ruling generals Friday vetoed 31 out of 34 proposed founders of a new political party bidding to contest elections set for Nov. 6 to end military rule.

The "correct way" party, a right-wing grouping including former minister and members of the now outlawed Justice Party, is one of several parties to emerge since a ban on all political activity was lifted in May.

Those vetoed may still be members of the party and may stand as parliamentary candidates unless ruled out at a later stage when the military vet election candidates.

Dozens of proposed founders of other new parties have similarly

been vetoed and one complete rightwing party has been abolished by the NSC which is keeping a tight rein on new groups.

Political sources said the "correct way" party included many supporters of former Justice Party leader Suleyman Demirel, prime minister at the time of the 1981 coup.

Mr. Demirel was among 16 prominent political figures detained early in June for defying bans on hundreds of former politicians from involvement in politics.

The new ministers are due to be sworn in Saturday.

U.S. forces to drill with Egyptian, Somali troops

WASHINGTON (R) — The Pentagon has announced that U.S. forces will hold separate military exercises with Egyptian and Somali troops next month to include land and sea operations and an amphibious Marine landing.

No mention was made of other separate joint exercises planned with Sudan and Oman, but defense sources said these would be held at about the same time.

In the past, such regional exercises were all staged under the code-name "Bright Star" and announced simultaneously.

Officials said this year's exercises were being handled separately in deference to countries who did not want to be seen as linked too closely to the United States or to other countries in the region.

The Egyptian exercise this year will be called "Bright Star" and the Somali exercise "Eastern Wind."

Officials would not comment on the exercises with Sudan.

They said that there would pro-

Chadian rebels claim capture of 2 towns

LONDON (R) — Rebel forces have captured the towns of Oum Chalouba and Arada, north of the key city of Abeche in eastern Chad, according to the insurgent radio Bardai.

The Tripoli-based radio of former Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei, monitored in London Thursday night, said Oum Chalouba fell on Tuesday after two hours of fighting in which 25 government troops were killed and 51 taken prisoner.

Four members of Goukouni Oueddei's National Liberation

Front (NLF) were killed and three wounded, the rebel radio said.

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Hostage talks held up

NAIROBI (R) — Communications problems are dogging negotiations for the release of five aid workers held captive in southern Sudan, a Sudanese embassy spokesman said in Nairobi Friday.

He said radio links between negotiators in Juba, the southern Sudanese capital, and rebels in a distant game park, had run into technical problems. But there was nothing to suggest that the hostages had been harmed, he added.

The rebels seized the five — two Americans, a Canadian, a West German and a Dutch national — last month and are seeking a \$600,000 ransom, clothes and publicity for their campaign to make southern Sudan an independent state.

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Hussein attends Shmeisani prayer

AHMAD (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein performed Friday's prayers at the Bilal Ibn Rabah mosque in Shmeisani.

The King and the worshippers also listened to the sermon which concentrated on the values of Islam such as tolerance and mercy. The preacher also called for family and community relations among Muslims to be based on fraternity, love, tolerance, reassurance and cooperation.

At the end of the prayers, the

worshippers surrounded the King to congratulate him on the Eid.

Accompanying the King in the prayers were His Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Al Hussein, Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Islamic Chief Justice Ibrahim Al Qattan, Islamic Affairs Minister Kamel Al Sharif, Interior Minister Ahmad Obeidat, and a number of other officials.

Momani seeks strict implementation of water supply rules

AHMAD (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Momani has asked all mayors and village council heads to ensure that the drinking water in their areas is fit for human consumption. In particular he asked them to test water stations, tanks and reservoirs and to check municipality distribution and regulation networks, adding chlorine in the appropriate quantities to the water.

Jordan, West Germany sign agri protocol

AHMAD (Petra) — Memoranda for technical cooperation between the Jordanian and West German governments to develop the cooperative movement in Jordan were exchanged here Thursday.

The protocol stipulates that the Germans will send over two agricultural experts to work with the Jordanian Cooperative Organisation (JCO).

Agricultural equipment valued at DM 855,000 in addition to will be supplied to equip and establish an agricultural machinery station in Madaba.

JCO Director-General Hisham Al Nabulsi signed the memoranda for Jordan

This request was issued in a circular sent by Mr. Momani to the municipalities and councils in which he emphasised the importance of the supervision of water distribution and the control of sewerage disposal.

He also reiterated the ban on the use of polluted waters for cultivation purposes and the ban on street vendors from selling vegetables, fruits and sweets in order to keep the streets clean.

Amman services to continue through Eid

AHMAD (Petra) — Amman Mayor Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh Thursday decided to keep all Amman municipality services running throughout the Eid holiday, an Amman Municipality spokesman said Thursday.

The spokesman said that an office dealing with customer complaints will be open daily and will be obtainable by phone on 37111 and 38114 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The spokesman added that work at the Amman central market for vegetables and fruits will be resumed on the third day of the Eid. Slaughterhouses will continue to work as long as demand justifies it, he said.



His Majesty King Hussein and his son, His Highness Prince Faisal, Thursday commemorate the 11th anniversary of the death of King Talal (Petra photo)

Hussein visits grave of King Talal on 11th anniversary of his death

AHMAD (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein accompanied by His Highness Prince Faisal Ibn Al Hussein Thursday visited the grave of the late King Talal on the 11th anniversary of his death. They recited prayers for King Talal's soul at the graveside and placed a wreath on the tomb.

The members of the royal household also visited the graveyard, where they too said prayers and placed wreaths.

Also visiting the grave were Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Al Tarawneh, Speaker of the National Con-

sultative Council (NCC) Suleiman Arar, Royal Court Chief Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, high-ranking officials from the Royal Court, NCC members, Islamic Chief Justice Ibrahim Al Qattan, a number of clergymen, Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Fahd Abu Taleb, senior officers of the Armed Forces, Public Security Directorate, General Intelligence, and Civil Defence, the mayor of Amman and members of the municipal council.

Other visitors to the grave were the commander of the King Talal

brigade and high-ranking officers of the brigade. The commander of the brigade made a speech about the efforts of the late King Talal both for his country and the Arab Nation. He also praised the role of the Hashemite family throughout history which, he said, has enabled the Arab Nation to achieve many of its goals and reassert its traditional rights.

Deir Alla woman gives birth to Siamese twins

SALT (J.T.) — Siamese twins were born in the Hussein Hospital here Thursday when a 22-year-old woman from Deir Alla in the Jordan Valley gave birth to two girls who are joined at the crown of the head. The weight of the two babies is 4.6kg kilograms and they are reported as being in a healthy condition. Hospital sources said such cases

are very rare, and that a physician might see such a case once or twice in a lifetime.

The caesarian section surgery was performed by Dr. Abdul Majid Al Rawashdeh, and the twins were taken to Al Bashir Hospital for a surgery to separate the two heads to be performed by a brain surgeon.

AHMAD (Petra) — Labour Minis-

try Under-Secretary Tawfiq Abdul Jaber said Thursday that the official circular issued by the prime minister's office declaring a public holiday for government departments and public enterprises starting from Sunday July 10 and ending Saturday morning July 16 also applies to private sector companies and enterprises.

Ministry warns travellers about Syrian harassment

AHMAD (J.T.) — An Interior Ministry spokesman said Thursday that Jordanian citizens travelling to Syria have recently been subject to varying degrees of harassment by the Syrian authorities.

In some cases Jordanians have been arrested, while many others have been "malreated in a manner violating international laws in a way incompatible with the treatment of subjects of a fraternal Arab country," the spokesman said.

The spokesman said most of those nationals who have been arrested had been accused of trumped up offences, and that their families had been forced to pay enormous sums of money in order

to secure their release.

The spokesman said that the Jordanian government has several times contacted the Syrian authorities through the appropriate diplomatic channels to draw their attention to the seriousness of such illegal acts and had emphasised the need to stop such practices. However, to date such attempts failed to make any impression, the spokesman added.

Therefore, we are duty-bound to inform our citizens about the

abnormal measures they could be subject to by the Syrian authorities, particularly now that the Eid is drawing near when it is customary for many Jordanians to visit Syria and many Syrians to visit Jordan," the spokesman concluded.

Meanwhile, the Jordanian News Agency Petra said Thursday that Syrian television had broadcast an official statement saying that Jordan has informed its citizens of provocative Syrian measures against them when they travel to Syria. Syria claims Petra says, that it was trying to inform Jordanian travellers about a tribal uprising in Jordan.

EEC awards scholarship as part of policy to promote experience

By Ara Voskian

Special to the Jordan Times
AHMAD — 16-year-old Jumana Cobein was awarded the two-year EEC scholarship to study at the United World College of the Adriatic in Trieste, for writing the outstanding essay on "Jordan and its relations with Europe through the years".

The scholarship was part of the EEC Spring Festival which was held in Amman in April.

Commenting on the award in an exclusive interview with the Jordan Times, EEC delegate to Jordan Thomas O'Sullivan said:

"The competition is the first of its kind and was done on the basis of allocation of one scholarship."

"We received 35 serious attempts at the essay on Jordan and its relations with Europe," Mr. O'Sullivan said, "which attained very high standards."

According to the EEC delegate, Jumana was very frank about her feelings when interviewed by Jordan Times. "I am so happy", she said, "I was afraid at first when the best five were picked, as there were two which were really good, and I thought either of them might win."

Jumana, who is the eldest daughter of Dr. Tawfiq Cobein, is looking forward to continuing her studies in Trieste. Her mother is

sure that she will find a little difficulty in adjusting to the new environment, but Mrs. Cobein is convinced that she can handle it. "We will help her as much as we can" she added.

According to the EEC delegate, the students that are preparing for their International Baccalaureate at Trieste at the moment have been drawn from many countries throughout the world. "They study together and develop an appreciation of cultures from other parts of the world."

Mr. O'Sullivan, commenting on the EEC's ties with Jordan, said that the community has a special fund for scholarships. This fund is operated jointly by the government of Jordan and the EEC and "We coordinate with Jordan's National Planning Council."

"In the next five years we will spend \$600,000 on special training courses and fellowships for Jordanian students. This will enable Jordanians either to receive a short term specialised training or longer term academic training."

The EEC, which has a cooperation agreement with more than 100 countries, is according to Mr. O'Sullivan, beginning to implement their second cycle of aid to Jordan.



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Sane 'settler mentality'

WITH what one European writer calls the "settler mentality", the early Jewish settlers in Palestine would argue with Herbert Samuel, the first British commissioner, that the British were not being forceful enough with the Arabs, on the ground that "as a minority [then] the Jews could not afford to be democrats." In 1921, the leaders of the Jewish settler community, according to one account, wrote to the high commissioner demanding that Britain should remain faithful to the letter of the Balfour Declaration and stating that this promise "did not allow for any numbers or incidental interests of the present population of the country" to affect the Zionist demand for a national home. Indeed, the Zionist leaders' opposition to Samuel centred on his belief that Arab hostility (towards the settlers) was the expression of a deep-seated national movement. This, according to the same account, the Zionists refused to admit, since it would confer on the Palestinian movement at the time a measure of legitimacy and would cast doubt on the Zionist claims to Palestine. The Zionists preferred to portray Palestinian resistance to their designs and greed as the work of rabble-rousers and religious fanatics.

Today, the "settler mentality" in Israel is hardly different from the old days, except perhaps in that the Jews now form the majority in Palestine and they no longer need the British to be tough, even brutal, with the Arabs. The Israelis know how to do the job themselves.

What has been happening in the West Bank, particularly in Hebron, during the past few days is the old story being told all over again. There is the Zionist policy of land acquisition that is being fiercely resisted by Palestinians with knives and stones. There are the colonialists of the West Bank settlements whose slogans and practices evoke more than an echo of the justifications for South Africa's apartheid, and who have to be stopped. And there are the Kiryat Arba fanatics and brigands who sent the 19-year-old Israeli youth to Hebron on Thursday to kill or be killed.

It is the age-old Palestinian struggle against Zionist hegemony and racism in Arab land and homes. It is a struggle that will continue for as long as the Israeli "settler mentality" persists.

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Al Ra'i: Syrian acts reinforce isolation

THE SYRIAN media is mistaken in thinking that a return in the fabrication of lies about Jordan can alleviate the domestic and external isolation of the regime. Those in charge of the Syrian information machine would do well to understand the real truth, namely that the isolation they are facing is of their own making and is the result of their actions on the domestic Palestinian and Arab fronts. Visiting Jordanian citizens in Syria will only result in fresh condemnation by the Arab masses everywhere.

Jordan has always worked to improve relations with Syria while the Syrian media is continually utilized to harm these relations. Thus it was only to be expected that the interim ministry would draw the attention of Jordanian citizens to the arbitrary measures being imposed by the Syrian authorities at the border between the two countries in order to protect these citizens. Jordan is a country which is enjoying stability and national unity. The people of Jordan are regarded as our most important resource and live according to justice, cooperation and the sovereignty of law. Jordan continues to be a country of high aspirations and will continue its commitment to domestic prosperity and its pan-Arab responsibilities without being diverted by external forces. The biased campaigns against Jordan will have no impact whatsoever in altering these priorities.

Al Dustour: Not a nearly complete failure

IT IS too early to judge the results of the U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz tour which concluded Thursday. Judging from the statements made by Shultz himself and the statements of the Syrian officials, the results of the visit are not encouraging. It seems that Shultz has failed to make the Syrians change their stand and withdraw their forces from Lebanon. However, the agreement between Damascus and Washington to form a working team to continue discussion of the points of disagreement and the declaration by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin Thursday that Israel will not withdraw its forces in the direction of southern Lebanon for the time being at least, suggest that the talks between Mr. Shultz and the Syrian officials have not completely failed as has been said. Despite the declared differences, Syria and the United States are willing to continue a dialogue aimed at resolving the Lebanese crisis.

Perhaps what enhances this feeling most is the tour made by French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson to the area at the same time Shultz. The introduction of the European element in applying pressure on Syria is intended to give Syria an escape route. In other words, if Syria finally agrees to pull out of Lebanon, this would not be interpreted as a concession to the United States, but would be interpreted as a result of international pressure exercised by Europe and the United States together. It is difficult to pinpoint the exact details of the talks between Mr. Shultz and the Syrian officials in Damascus which lasted for five hours. However, it is unreasonable to conclude that it took such a long time to discuss the Lebanese crisis alone.

Sawt Al Shaab: Assertion of independence

THE PALESTINE Liberation Organisation (PLO) spokesman Ahmad Abdul Rahman explained the PLO position towards the events taking place in the area by saying that the PLO rejects the American initiative aimed at solving the Middle East problem and rejects the Lebanese-Israeli withdrawal agreement and any secret or overt agreement which might be reached in the area. The statement by the PLO spokesman does not change anything in the PLO's stand. The rejection of the Reagan initiative was taken at a meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC), and the rejection of the Lebanese-Israeli agreement was taken by the PLO executive committee and declared in the open. Then what is the reason for the statement by the PLO spokesman at this time in particular? We believe that the Palestinian spokesman wanted to do the PLO's stand. The attempts to suffice the Palestinian decision-making machinery and to involve the Palestinians in the political game aimed at liquidating the Palestinian issue.

Swedes: Tougher on subs, firm on neutrality

By Helen Womack
 Reuter

STOCKHOLM — New regulations which give the Swedish navy more scope from today to deal with a rising number of intruding foreign submarines have put the country's traditional neutrality under the spotlight.

Swedish leaders have been at pains to stress that the country can defend itself in spite of over 40 violations of its territorial waters by foreign submarines last year. All of them are suspected to have come from the Soviet bloc.

The Swedish navy, which failed to catch six Soviet submarines in last year's most spectacular hunt, has the right under the new regulations to attack intruders without warning with the aim of bringing them to the surface.

Previously the navy had to warn off intruders and could only attempt to force them up if they refused to leave.

Every summer brings a spate of submarine scares in Scandinavia. The latest occurred in Norway when United States Vice President George Bush arrived this week on a visit. The Norwegian navy, which already has the new powers granted in Sweden, called off the hunt after one day. It was its second unsuccessful search in two months.

The new anti-submarine rules, in force from July 1, allow the navy to depth charge intruders immediately, provided they are in the inner part of territorial waters between the islands dotted along the Swedish coast and the mainland.

Intruders in the outer part between the islands and Sweden's

12-mile territorial limit will be warned first as before.

A defence staff spokesman said the intention was to bring U-boats to the surface for identification. But he added: "In future we cannot guarantee we will not sink them."

The new regulations may not sound very fierce to outsiders, but in a country so devoted to avoiding conflict, they represent a shocking change of attitude.

The navy would take delivery of new kinds of depth charges and torpedoes within the next six months, the spokesman said, adding that the government had also allocated an extra 250 million crowns (\$33 million) to anti-submarine defence over the next five years.

"We can't promise to bring the next sub to the surface but our chances are a little better now."

the spokesman said.

Concern for neutrality

When Mr. Bush was in Stockholm earlier, he reaffirmed Washington's respect for Swedish neutrality which Prime Minister Olof Palme stressed the Swedes could defend.

Some defence experts have suggested Moscow was trying to test Sweden's resolve and military ability to defend its neutrality through the submarine incursions.

One academic, politics Professor Erling Björk of the Danish University of Aarhus, said the submarine incidents cast doubt on the credibility of Swedish neutrality and added that the country was in danger of being "Finlandised".

This was a reference to the cautious path Sweden's neutral neighbours Finland must tread in its dealings with the Soviet Union next door.

Other analysts were surprised how warmly Mr. Palme welcomed an offer from Soviet leader Yuri Andropov last month to include the Baltic Sea in a Nordic nuclear weapons-free zone only six weeks after Stockholm protested sharply to Moscow over the submarine violations.

Sweden dominates one end of the almost land-locked Baltic while the large Soviet Baltic fleet, including nuclear submarines, is based at the other end.

The zone idea, an old one first raised by Finland with Moscow's support, envisages that Sweden and Finland as well as Norway and Denmark, members of NATO, would be permanently free of nuclear weapons.

None of the countries has

lear arms on its soil in peace time but Denmark and Norway reserve the option to take such weapons from their NATO allies in case of war.

Washington is suspicious of the zone idea which it fears could pull Norway and Denmark away from the Western alliance.

It also fears the Baltic Sea could become a private pond for the Baltic fleet if it was included in the zone.

But Swedish officials stress there is no contradiction between a policy of well-defended neutrality and support for the Moscow-backed zone idea, which they say expresses the country's desire for peace and disarmament.

Mr. Bush said he was interested in Mr. Palme's views on the zone but needed to know more details of Mr. Andropov's offer.

Soviet pullout from Afghanistan scarcely close

By Sidney Welland
 Reuter

LONDON — The Kremlin is fading hopes of a negotiated settlement in Afghanistan but Western governments believe talk of Soviet withdrawal is extremely premature.

United Nations officials, optimistic until recently, are now discouraging speculation that a "quick fix" solution may be possible to end Moscow's massive military involvement.

"We should not look for quick and spectacular results," Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahibzada Yaqub Khan said after the third round in a year-long series of negotiations.

The low-key talks under U.N. mediation involve only Pakistan and the Communist government of Afghanistan, whose tenuous hold on power is backed by the presence of 105,000 Soviet troops.

"While Moscow has stayed on the sidelines, it has encouraged the maternal uncle of Mr. Banda's official hostess and perhaps closest confidante, Cecilia Kadzamira. He is an accomplished businessman and administrator but lacks political backing.

"

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said there was enough progress to justify continuing dialogue "but not so much as to make me think we're anywhere near the end of it."

Mr. Shultz spoke after assessing the negotiations in talks with Pakistani leaders. He disclosed he had exchanged letters on Afghanistan with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

Western officials in close touch with the talks think there is no chance of Soviet troops pulling out until the Kremlin is certain that a stable "friendly" government exists in Kabul.

Some analysts think this could take years, even a full generation before young Afghan leaders and administrators now being trained by the Soviet Union are fully indoctrinated and the Kabul regime is strong enough to ensure Communist rule.

Knowledgeable Western sources also doubt Moscow will move except in the context of a much broader political deal involving the whole chessboard of disputed East-West issues.

This view was echoed by U.N. negotiator Diego Cordovez when the latest set of talks began in Geneva in mid-June.

"I have the feeling that the present environment of international relations in general is not conducive to agreements of this kind," he said.

Soviet troops were sent to Afghanistan three and a half years to support President Babrak Karmal's government against what Moscow called threats by both internal and external enemies.

Reports of progress

After the Geneva meeting, Mr. Cordovez and Mr. Yaqub Khan reported progress but said their were still major obstacles ahead.

Mr. Cordovez, an Ecuadorian diplomat who is a U.N. under-secretary-general, said he would resume a shuttle swing through Asian capitals and consult with Moscow and Washington.

Both he and the Pakistan foreign minister identified the United States and the Soviet Union as potential guarantors of Afghanistan's security and independence.

Soviet withdrawal, they say, would be a major card for the Kremlin to play if it decides to show a more conciliatory attitude in its overall approach to the West.

"But for the foreseeable future, we don't see the Russians pulling out without an agreement that all they have put into Afghanistan isn't going to be lost," a senior official said.

Deep-running change currents under Malawian political surface

By Rodney Pinder
 Reuter

BLANTYRE, Malawi — Malawi's general election last week did much to dispel rumours of widespread political unrest but little to quell speculation over the longer-term political future of the one-party southern African state.

Malawians, outwardly calm and cheerful, went to the polls to elect a new parliament in significant numbers, indicating according to officials and the semi-official press, support for the political status quo.

All 11 government ministers standing for election were returned. But more than half the members of the new 112-seat National Assembly are newcomers to the house -- 21 of the 115 members in the last parliament lost their seats and 44 had already failed to win re-election.

Foreign correspondents were allowed into the normally sealed country in unprecedented numbers -- according to some officials, on the express orders of President-for-life Kamuzu Banda, who has ruled automatically since independence in 1964.

They were allowed complete freedom of movement and unrestricted access to officials and polling stations and there was no sign of the serious unrest reported abroad recently.

Inevitable change

But political currents run deep in Malawi and to a large extent the country, once known as the Cinderella of Africa, remains an enigma. Both foreign and informed locals said they believed Malawi was approaching the end of an era and may never be the

same again.

Western and non-aligned diplomats said politics in the nation of 6.2 million had been shaken over the past two months.

Three former government ministers, including Dick Vlitenje, secretary-general of the ruling Malawi Congress Party, and a member of parliament were killed last month, officially in a car crash.

Outlawed opposition elements, mainly in exile in neighbouring countries, said the security forces murdered them as part of a struggle for the succession to Banda, who is believed to be well into his 80s.

The diplomats and other independent sources, who declined to be identified, said they were convinced the men had been shot, but they were not clear on whose orders or for what reason. They reported some confusion over the incident in ruling circles.

Other unsettling events have included:

-- Death sentences on former Justice Minister Orion Chirwa and his wife Vera, leaders of the exiled opposition Malawi freedom movement, for treason.

-- The assassination by unknown persons in April in nearby Zimbabwe of Attatu Impakiti, head of the second main opposition group, the militant Socialist League of Malawi.

-- And the calling of the election accompanied by the dissolution not only of parliament but also, unprecedentedly, of the cabinet.

The Chirwas are going through a long process of appeal and officials and diplomats said it was unlikely Mr. Banda would intervene at this stage. But they said he would probably be merciful in the end.

Diplomats said Malawi remained stable and government continued as normal under the direct hand of Mr. Banda and his well entrenched civil service. The army was apolitical and remained in its barracks, they said.

But they said the chapter of incidents had excited considerable political interest amongst Malawians. The succession to Mr. Banda, hitherto a forbidden subject, was now being discussed relatively openly.

Taboo broken

"For the first time people are talking about politics," said one seasoned envoy. "The taboo has been broken."

One government official said privately: "We are coming to the end of an era. Whether we like it or not, in two or three or 10 years, things are not going to be the same".

It was a thinly-veiled reference to the inevitable death of the all-powerful president and would have been unthinkable from an official only a year ago.

Diplomats who regularly meet Mr. Banda say he is bright-eyed, energetic, sharp and still a wily politician despite his age. But some say they have recently detected a slowing down, a shorter working week, even a wish to lighten the burdens of state by appointing a reliable deputy.

One envoy said a British expert in constitutional affairs had recently visited Malawi privately to examine the possibility of creating a vice-presidential post. The result was not known.

Any person appointed to such a post would be favourite to take

over when Mr. Banda died and any attempt by the president to find a deputy could begin to be a serious power struggle among contenders, diplomats said.

The man most often mentioned here as a front runner is John Lembo, 51, governor of the Reserve Bank and a former minister.

Mr. Lembo has been close to the top since independence and is the maternal uncle of Mr. Banda's official hostess and perhaps closest confidante, Cecilia Kadzamira. He is an accomplished businessman and administrator but lacks political backing.

Amid the political questioning parliament, formerly little more than a rubber stamp body, has been trying to assert itself.

Before the dissolution last March legislators in rowdy session accused the powerful civil service of corruption, inefficiency and wasting money.

Mr. Aaron Gadama, who died a month later with Mr. Vlitenje, said Malawi's reputation for financial probity was in danger of being destroyed. Matenje himself hit out at civil servants' luxuries and said of parliament: "They thought we were toothless, now we are going to bite the bone."

Three top civil servants were fired as a result of a report by the parliamentary committee of public accounts and an official inquiry had been ordered into the bungling of East-West issues.

Diplomats said it remained to be seen if the new parliament would also seek some teeth and a real say in Malawi's future.

New Vietnamese generations suffer U.S. chemicals

Who is the real winner?



Salwa
El Taher

"Mother, I forgot to tell you..." Now, 11 years of experience have taught me that, when my son throws in a remark like that, it is not gratuitously. He is usually paving the way for controversial matters.

"Yes?" I ask. "What is it?"

"Today, we had a general knowledge contest at school", he starts, and he goes on very quickly. "I was tying up with my friend Sami, until the very end. Then he missed a question. So, I missed the following one."

"You mean you didn't know the answer?"

"No, that's not it. I knew the answer," I exclaimed.

"Wait a minute," I responded. "You actually knew the correct answer and yet you missed it on purpose?"

"That's right," came the quick reply.

"But why?" I asked, amazed and already feeling a bit angry.

"Because I didn't want to hurt his feelings".

"So why did you decide to compete in the first place? Surely, in a competition, someone has to lose?"

"Yes, but in this case we could both win", came the cool logical answer.

"Oh, oh, oh. You know what that means, don't you? It means that you, in his place, would have been forced to lose. You protected him because, in the same situation, you would have been miserable yourself."

"No, mother, that's not it. Why do you have to say all those things? I just made it possible for both of us to win, that's all, can't you see?"

I couldn't. For I had been conditioned since childhood to think differently by every kind of axiom, proverb and cliché. "To the victor belong the spoils..." "Winner takes all" ... "If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen" ... The hackneyed phrases were still dancing in my mind. And it took a child of 11 to casually dismiss

long-standing precepts and attitudes, forcing me to face the unfamiliar and re-evaluate the given. One argument came to my mind:

"But if you are going to be so generous to your competitors, then what about all the team games you're in? Are you going to let down members of your own team in order to protect others?"

"Of course not, mother!" he answered with the certainty of someone stating the obvious. In a team I have a responsibility toward others. So of course I should do my best. Here I was on my own against Sami. And we both won. Now what's wrong with that?"

Unconventional as his behaviour had been, there was nothing in it I could brand as "wrong". Yet I was at sea. I needed time to think. So I chose to be as non-committal as possible. "What happens now?" I asked.

"We each get a fountain pen tomorrow", he answered, just as relieved to be through with the whole interlude.

Two days later, I was sunbathing next to the pool at the Royal Automobile Club. Suddenly, there was a commotion. It was 11 a.m., and Certificate Day, the last academic day at a near-by school. Mothers flocked in excited little groups. One of them settled on a nearby table.

"My daughter scored an average of ninety eight", one of the mothers was saying. I am so excited she did so well. Now, we can all enjoy our summer!"

"You should see my son's grades" retorted another. "He came first. I am so proud of him!"

At first, I was a bit surprised that academic news should be discussed around the pool, but after a while, listening to these stories of young exploits, I felt something to be so good about it. King's performance — poor as it was — was not the worst part of the match. Her approach was. All the way through, she was tense and nervous; she was upset with herself and with the referee. She stood there, squinting desperately, a pathetic picture of defeat. Going

out, she looked as if she was barely, but just barely, able to hold back her tears.

Now why should a woman of

King's stature — a name, a living legend, and era — go on forty

with twenty-two years of glorious tennis behind her and twenty

Wimbledon titles to her name —

be so shattered by what seemed to be a physiological inevitability?

Jaeger is, after all, young enough

to be her daughter, and number

three player in the world today.

What was eating King up?

Her desire for a twenty-first title? She

claims to have participated this

year against normal expectations

that she should quit while on top

— because "she doesn't care what

anyone thinks, she still wants to

play tennis."

Fair enough. But, if this had

truly been the case — if the play-

ing, the presence at Wimbledon,

being part of it — were all what

really mattered, then King would

have been able to adopt a more

relaxed, relaxed and phi-

losophical attitude. She would not have walked out of the court looking so bitter and so shattered.

Meanwhile we were all won-

dering about Andrea Jaeger, who

lost in the final to Martina Navratilova. She was a delight to

watch. Laughing at her own mis-

takes, launching surprising com-

backs unexpectedly, taking it all

in the best of spirit. I projected

Jaeger five years in time. Will she

become another of those hard-set,

closed-faced "awardaholic" chal-

lengers so easily turn into? Mar-

tina herself is already dis-

appointing the spectators who

watch her rise: She is a delight to

watch as a player, to be sure, but

she is no fun to tact as a person

any more. No wonder. We are

told her playing is constantly fed

into computers and coaches seem

to operate her by remote control.

Now school finals and Wim-

beldon finals are over, I feel re-

lieved that my son decided to miss

that question on his general kno-

wledge contest.

Unmanned balloons still play important roles

By Donald J. Frederick
National Geographic news feature

WASHINGTON — In an age of satellites and space shuttles, that 200-year-old *grande dame* — the balloon — is still flying high.

Unmanned balloons help predict the weather, fight illegal drug traffic, and lift logs from inaccessible mountain slopes. Research balloons longer than a football field regularly soar into the stratosphere bearing instruments that make scientific discoveries.

"Fat Albert," an air force balloon hovering 10,000 feet above Cudjoe Key, not far from Key West, Fla., serves double duty. Sensitive radar on the balloon keeps an eye out for low-flying jets from Cuba and monitors the area for suspicious civilian ships and aircraft.

Alerts customs officials

Information is routinely forwarded to the United States Customs Service's operations centre in Miami, which can scramble aircraft or vessels to investigate unusual movements on the sea, or in the air. The sentinel in the sky also eliminates the necessity of keeping an expensive AWACS radar aircraft aloft to watch Cuba. The air force is so pleased with the balloon's performance that another will begin guard duty at Cape Canaveral in late September, and a backup will be provided for Fat Albert at Cudjoe Key.

In Oregon balloons lift lumber from steep slopes whose soil could be damaged by hauling logs on the ground. The largest of the balloons when inflated stands about 120 feet tall — higher than an 11-storey building — and can lift 25,000 pounds of logs about a mile. A system of ground cables guides the balloons, which sometimes rise as high as 2,000 feet.

Faye Stewart — whose firm, The Flying Scotsman, has also operated in Washington, Idaho, and Alaska — claims balloons are about half as expensive as helicopters, and can fly in weather that would ground a chopper. "We love a nice fog," said Ste-

wart. "The air seems much steadier then, but snow is a big enemy, because it weighs down the balloons".

Nothing keeps weather balloons from their appointed rounds. From steamy equatorial regions to the frigid South Pole, hundreds of them are released daily to help forecasters predict the weather.

In the Western hemisphere hundreds of soundings are made twice a day, including those taken from the 95 National Weather Service Stations and their 35 affiliated locations in other countries. Each balloon carries an instrument package called a radiosonde.

It's unlikely any such system

will soon replace the heavyweights of the balloon world launched from the National Scientific Balloon Facility near Palestine, Texas.

Threshold of space

Able to drift for hours or days in a no-man's land 80,000 to 145,000 feet up too high for aircraft and too low for satellites — the research balloons made of extra tough polyethylene have

been at the very frontiers of space science.

The telescopes and other scientific instruments on the balloons launched from NSBF and similar sites around the world have examined other galaxies, gathered information on the birth of stars, and obtained the first evidence of harmful chemical substances in the stratosphere that could threaten the protective ozone layer.

The Texas facility holds the record for the largest balloon ever launched, a monster that stood 900 feet above the ground, nearly the height of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. Once aloft, the balloon reached a diameter of 540 feet — 2½ times the length of a Boeing 747 jumbo jet. It carried a large telescope weighing 3,216 pounds into the stratosphere in 1975 and stayed aloft at more than 140,000 feet for 13.3 hours.

Besides performing basic research, balloons have played an invaluable role in the nation's space programme. Many of the experiments and instruments vital to satellites and the space shuttle were first tested on high altitude balloon flights.

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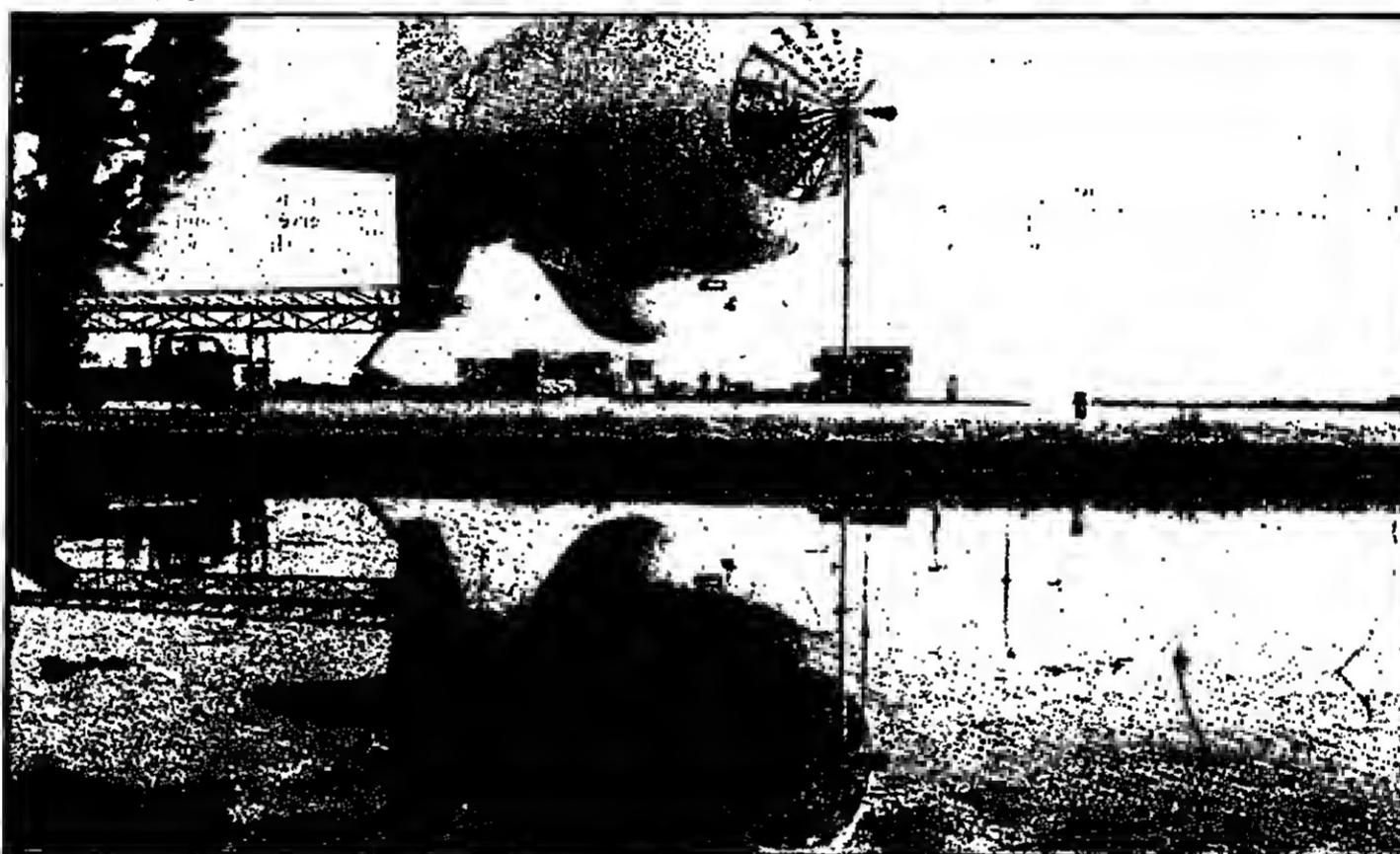
As John R. Holtz, of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's astrophysics division put it: "We just can't afford to entrust a multi-million dollar spacecraft to untrained scientists or experiments, so they do their stuff first on balloons. Virtually every astrophysics payload flown into space was first tested on a balloon".

Alfred Shipley, director of the NSBF, predicts that bigger balloons systems now being developed will routinely be able to carry instruments weighing thousands of pounds aloft for two or three months at a time. Currently, the facility sends up about 60 balloons a year. A normal flight lasts about 12 hours and carries about 2,600 pounds of equipment.

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An international balloon net-

work with these superpressure balloons circling the northern hemisphere is possible," predicted Shipley. "At any rate, I don't believe the balloon will fade into obscurity for a long time to come. And even if it does, it will likely be rediscovered once more by a future generation."



Bulging with radar, "Fat Albert," an unmanned U.S. Air Force balloon gets ready for guard duty near Key West, Fla. Most of the time it hovers at 10,000 feet, watching for jets from Cuba or suspicious planes or boats that may be carrying drugs. An identical balloon will be placed in service above Cape Canaveral early this fall (National Geographic photo).

Hotel man plans new real-estate investment idea

By Kevin Cooney
Reuter

NEW YORK — A Californian at the forefront of the United States hotel and leisure business is staking his future on what he says is the only type of property development that will prosper in the 1980s.

A Cal Rossi, who converted an old mansion on Nob Hill in San Francisco into the exclusive Stanford Court Hotel, wants to sell \$50 million of shares in the Warner Springs Ranch, north of San Diego, in three months.

He believes he will have little trouble doing so. "The age of the condominium (cooperative apartment building) has passed its peak," he confidently asserts.

And he says the idea of time-sharing, buying a "condo" that is rented out 51 weeks of the year, has also passed.

He describes the ranch as a country club in which the investors will have total control — not by owning one unit, but by partial ownership of the whole, which also enables them to invest further in the resort's future development.

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SPORTS

Salnikov in command as Soviets remain supreme swimmers

EDMONTON, Alberta (R) — The Soviet Union's expected dominance of the swimming events at the World Student Games was confirmed here Thursday when, after six days of competition, they left the pool with a haul of 22 gold medals.

But it was Canadian Alex Baumann who stole the spotlight on the swimming competition's final day.

He set the games alight with a brilliant 200-metres individual medley win that was four-hundredths of a second off his own world record of two minutes 12.25 seconds.

Baumann, who also just missed another world mark in the 400-metres medley event, said after his victories: "My fingernails just aren't long enough."

The Russians, landslide victors in the pool in the absence of East Germany, finished in fine style when Vladimir Salnikov, the world's greatest freestyle swimmer, secured his 38th consecutive 1500-metres victory.

winning by almost the length of the kinsmen pool-in 15:02.43 — nearly 21 seconds faster than the games' best.

Australian Susie Wondrouse was the only other swimmer who managed to break the Soviet stranglehold, winning the 200 metres butterfly to collect her second gold of the games.

The Soviet Union picked up four more gold medals in the Athletics stadium. But the loudest cheers of the day were reserved for the tiny Nigerian team which won three golds in track and field.

Nigeria had never hit gold at any World Student Games before, and few were surprised when athletics coach John Okoro called it the greatest day ever for Nigerian sport.

Their class winner was Sunday Oti, ranked third in the world over 400 metres, who defeated Victor Markin of the Soviet Union and off-form American Sunder Nix, ranked number two.

Oti and Nigeria's two other gold-medal winners, Yusef Ali in the long jump and Chidi Imoh in the 100 metres, all study at American universities.

The men's high jump, hailed as one of the games' highlights, fizzled out as a contest when Canadian Milt Ottey, rated number one in the world last year, failed to find his best form. The Soviet Union's Igor Paklin won the competition with a games best 2.31 metres.

The Soviet Union's domination of the games — they have won 43 gold medals after seven days of competition while Canada, Italy and Romania share second place with four each — continued in the cycling...

Tamara Poliakov led a Soviet sweep of the medals in the women's 40 km individual team trial, and their men followed up by romping to success ahead of the Netherlands and Italy in their 100 km team event.

Vilas says ban has affected his form

ROME (R) — Argentine Guillermo Vilas, appearing in public for the first time since appealing against the one-year suspension imposed on him for allegedly receiving appearance money to play in a tournament in Rotterdam, said on Thursday that the controversy had affected his form.

"My results have not been brilliant and now that I have made the appeal I hope to concentrate more on my game," he said.

"This is an issue which affects every player and it is in their interest to have it clarified."

Vilas said he faced a difficult task convincing the men's International Professional Tennis Council, which imposed the ban and a \$20,000 fine last month, that he had not broken any of the council's rules.

"They have called me guilty and it is almost impossible for me to prove my innocence," Vilas added.

Vilas is in Rome to represent Argentina in a Davis Cup quarter-final against Italy.

"We cannot say yet what these actions are going to be," Vilas added, "but if Lendl plays it will definitely have consequences."

Tempers flare as Nastase crashes to defeat in Davis Tennis Cup

BRISBANE (R) — Veteran Ilie Nastase rolled back the years here Friday... and yelled, screamed and abused his way to defeat as Romania slumped on the opening day of their Davis Tennis Cup quarter-final tie against Australia.

The volatile Romanian, displayed some of his worst behaviour and treated the 6,000 crowd to some vintage Nastase. But despite the antics, he could do little to stop Edmondson winning 4-6, 6-3, 14-12, 6-2 and pushing Australia into a 2-0 lead.

Earlier Edmondson's teenage compatriot Pat Cash thrashed Florin Segarceanu 6-2, 6-1, 6-1 in just 82 minutes to give the Australians n/a in a blistering start.

Fans expected fireworks from the Nastase-Edmondson clash, but not even those who had seen Nastase at his most tem-

peramental were prepared for the explosion which followed.

The flashpoint came in the 20th game of the third set when, with the match balanced at one set all, Nastase was footfaulted, cautioned by umpire John Hulsinger and penalised a point after he smashed his first serve over a couple of sets.

Although the referee overruled the penalty, Nastase continued to taunt the baseline judge, who faulted him several times.

At one stage Nastase asked Hulsinger if the linesman could be replaced and complained to the referee about Edmondson, who he said was swearing at the other end.

Several times Romanian captain Alex Bardan tried in vain to calm Nastase but the fiery Romanian would have none of it.

Lendl disappoints tennis union

VIENNA (R) — The Czechoslovak Tennis Union is prepared to take action against their world number three Ivan Lendl if he plays in an exhibition tournament in South Africa this week. Union President Michael Polak said Friday.

"We are trying to stop Lendl playing in the South African tournament at Sun City, Bophuthatswana, after hearing of his decision which has disappointed and surprised us," Polak said.

He added that if Lendl, the U.S. Masters Champion, insisted on playing the union would be forced to "take actions against him."

"We cannot say yet what these actions are going to be," Polak added, "but if Lendl plays it will definitely have consequences."

The crowd began to slow clap as his antics became less humorous and though it all Edmondson, who also carries a reputation as a temperamental player, remained surprisingly cool.

Nastase left hurriedly after his defeat, and Bardan said later he had gone back to his hotel to cool off.

There was little controversy surrounding Cash's clutching straight-sets triumph over Segarceanu.

The Australian, playing only his second Davis Cup tie, took the first set to 31 minutes — and completed the rout in just 51 minutes.

Afterwards Segarceanu admitted: "It's the worst defeat I've ever had." The Romanians expected so much of me today and I let them down terribly. I just couldn't put anything together."

Magrini gives Italy 1st tour stage win since '79

ILE D'OLERON, France (R) — Riccardo Magrini gave Italy their first Tour de France stage win since 1979 when he sprinted in first here Friday.

With the race route from Nanterre swelling in 30-degree centigrade heat, the central figures in the yellow jersey battle were content to control the racing.

Kim Andersen of Denmark kept the tour lead for the fifth day, but Phil Anderson of Australia, who broke clear in the final kilometre of the 216-km leg, cut it back by four seconds Friday by taking a time bonus in an intermediate sprint.

Ireland's Sean Kelly, lying third, closed to within 45 seconds of the leader, again through a sprint bonus of 12 seconds.

Otherwise, the big names of the tour were looking for a quiet day. Anderson, 25, from Melbourne,

said: "Everything went right. We kept the race under control. Just as I wanted it."

Kelly took fifth place in the massed sprint of 130 riders into the narrow finishing area packed with swim-suited boidymakers.

Magrini, 22, snatched victory from Belgian Erik Vanderaerden who wears the green jersey of points leader — the colours Kelly so badly wants.

However, the man from Tipperary can afford to wait as Vanderaerden has a poor record when it comes to mountainous stages, and they are only two-days away.

Saturday's eighth stage is another flat and fast one over 219 kms from la Rochelle to Bordeaux, with five intermediate sprints each.

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Scott makes 2nd bid for mile world record

OSLO (R) — American Steve Scott will attempt to snatch the world mile record from Britain's Sebastian Coe here Saturday night when he runs over the distance at the Oslo games athletics meeting.

The American missed the mark by 0.36 seconds when he ran three minutes 47.69 seconds here last year, and his second attempt in the Bislett stadium on Saturday, seems of more than 20 world records, promises to be the highlight of the meeting.

Two Portuguese rivals, Fernando Mamede and Carlos Lopes, could turn the 10,000 metres into a private battle. But their victory plans could be upset by Belgium's Alex Haeghebaert.

Mamede clocked the fastest times of 1981 and 1982 and is close to Kenyan Henry Rono's five-year-old world record of 27.22.

In Paris last year Mamede ran 27.22.95, while Lopes recorded 27.24.39 when he won over the distance here last month.

Taiwan to accept invitation to '84 Los Angeles Olympics

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan has been formally invited to the 1984 summer Olympics in Los Angeles where its athletes are expected to meet those from China for the first time in Olympic competition, the head of Taiwan's Olympic Committee said Friday.

Cheng Wei-Yuan, President of the Chinese-Taipei Olympic Committee, told reporters he would send a reply soon to the organising committee of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) accepting the invitation.

The China membership question has caused much diplomatic wrangling in past Olympics. The IOC adopted a compromise formula in March 1981, changing Taiwan's designation for the games from the Republic of China, opposed by Peking, to

Chinese-Taipei.

Although they have never met in an Olympic setting, in the past few years athletes from Peking and Taipei have competed against each other in international meetings held outside China and Taiwan.

China withdrew from the 1960 Rome games after the IOC refused its demand to expel Taiwan, entered as the Republic of China but considered a breakaway province of Peking.

Taiwan's last Olympic appearance was in the 1972 Munich games. It failed to take part in the 1976 Montreal games after the Canadian government refused to issue visas to Taiwanese athletes because it broke ties with Taipei after establishing diplomatic relations with Peking in 1970.



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Japanese accept Iraqi oil as payment for projects

TOKYO (R) — A group of Japanese companies has agreed to accept oil in part payment for debts on construction projects in Iraq, which had difficulty paying foreign contractors because of its 34-month-old war with Iran.

Marubeni Corporation, acting as an agent for the group, said Thursday it signed an agreement in Baghdad on Tuesday under which Iraq is to pay \$2 billion yen (\$133.5 million due by the end of last December) in the form of oil.

The group includes Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Kobe Steel Works, Taisei Corporation, Toa Harbour Works Company and Fujita Corporation.

This follows an agreement in May under which France is accepting four million tonnes of oil from Iraq in part payment of some \$2.3 billion in debts to France incurred in large part for arms purchases.

Trading sources said Marubeni is expected to receive about 4.5 million barrels of crude in place of the debt.

The agreement also allows Iraq to postpone for two years payment of 46 billion yen (\$191.9 million) of the 78 billion yen (\$325.4 million) it owes in 1983, at an annual interest rate of 8.25 per cent.

U.S. June unemployment rate drops to 10 per cent

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. unemployment rate dropped in June to 10 per cent, its lowest level since last August, the Labour Department reported Friday.

With a 0.1 per cent drop over May, the jobless rate has now fallen 0.8 per cent since an economic recovery began earlier this year.

Total employment rose to 100.8 million in June out of a civilian labour force of 111.9 million. Overall unemployment among American civilians declined slightly to 11.15 million from 11.19 million in May.

The jobless rate touched a post-World War II high of about 12 million, or 10.8 per cent, in December.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gold price rises in New York

NEW YORK (R) — The price of gold rose suddenly and sharply Friday as rumours concerning Brazil and the Soviet Union swept through the market here, dealers said. The rumours sparked nervous trading that boosted gold bullion to a high of \$435 an ounce in early afternoon before it fell back to \$430 as trading calmed. Thursday's close was \$413. The market reacted to rumours that Brazil was unable to continue servicing its foreign debts, estimated at around \$90 billion, dealers said.

China's foreign reserves rise

PEKING (R) — China's foreign exchange reserves rose 11.6 per cent in the first three months of the year to \$12.41 billion, the official journal China Finance said Friday. Gold reserves remained unchanged at 12.67 million ounces, it added. Foreign exchange holdings have soared 139 per cent since the end of March 1982, when they totalled \$6.2 billion. Western diplomats said the sharp rise was in line with projections and was further evidence of China's very strong financial position.

French banks to handle Iraqi loans

PARIS (R) — A loan of about \$1 billion to Iraq, designed to cover the country's debts to French suppliers in 1983, will be exclusively handled by French banks, banking sources said. Foreign banks will not be asked to participate in the loan, currently under negotiation here, they said. The loan will be guaranteed by the French Export Credit Agency, Coface. French banks and those registered here which have relationships with the suppliers are involved in the negotiations with the French government and Iraq.

THE BETTER HALF, By Harris



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Answer: When his ship finally came in, he was too lazy to do this—**UNLOAD IT**

Budget deficits hamper world recovery, says IMF director

WASHINGTON (R) — International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Jacques de Larosiere said Friday that budget deficits in industrial countries were "keeping inflationary expectations alive" and could block world economic recovery.

He said that despite great progress in curbing global inflation, there was deep concern it could gain strength again.

"Even in those countries where price pressures have eased, inflationary expectations remain

deeply entrenched," he said.

"The elimination of structural budget deficit is of... crucial importance for the sustainability of the world economic recovery."

De Larosiere told a meeting of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in Geneva that he was highly critical of industrial countries, including the U.S.

Their deficits "are keeping inflationary expectations alive," he said in his speech made available in Washington.

De Larosiere cautioned against attempts by monetary authorities to force the pace of expansion since this could also lead to a new round of inflation.

The IMF managing director said the worst of the global debt crisis had been avoided but there were still major problems to be tackled.

"So far we have been buying time — the time needed to launch in-depth solutions that will enable countries to grow out of their financial problems," he said.

De Larosiere said growth in the Third World countries, a major factor in their ability to handle oversized debt, had been greatly enhanced by their attempts to bring their economies under control and by new vigour in the industrial world.

He said despite their reputations as spendthrifts, the most indebted countries had used their massive borrowings for investment rather than for reckless spending for consumption.

EEC talks start on financial reform

BRUSSELS (R) — European Community foreign ministers Friday opened the first session in what is expected to be a series of tough negotiations on overhauling the troubled finances of the 10-nation trading bloc.

The ministers, who will be joined in later meetings by finance and agriculture ministers, have six months to find new ways of financing the community and of spreading benefit and the burden of costs more evenly among member states.

Officials said Friday's session would be devoted principally to

ways of approaching the tasks assigned to the ministers by last month's community summit in Stuttgart.

With spending — mainly on farm subsidies — rising faster than the community's income, the summit was worried that the community may soon face an embarrassing cash shortage.

But there was a split between those who wanted to cut costs at a time of world recession and others who sought more cash to sustain recovery, expand the community and help the poorer states and regions.

The ministers were asked to go back to first principles in ironing out these and other differences before submitting detailed proposals to the community's summit conference in Athens next month.

Greece took the chair at the community's governing foreign ministers' council for the first time Friday, with its Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Grigoris Varis, presiding.

Greece joined the community 20 months ago and took over the rotating presidency from West Germany on July 1.

Diplomats said the Greek presidency, keen on ensuring quick progress, was proposing to break precedents and call for meetings in the summer holiday month of August.

It planned at least two meetings of foreign ministers in August in addition to a series of other one-day sessions, to be held mostly in Brussels.

But the main policy meetings were planned for two conferences of several days each in October and November, both to be held in Athens.

Mr. Uhsu added that former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt had personally assured him that any action concerning Turkish workers would only be taken after agreement between Bonn and Ankara. He said he expected present Chancellor Helmut Kohl to adopt the same attitude.

Turkey earns more than \$2 billion a year in foreign exchange from its workers abroad.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, JULY 9, 1983

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Much chit-chat is apt to be in effect today and tonight. Unless one is careful, it is apt to disintegrate into disputes over minor and unimportant issues. Prepare for new activities.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good day to state your ideas and aims to kin and also listen to theirs for better understanding among you.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Confer with partners and permit them to state their ideas before you state yours, and cement better relations.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Much conversation concerning property and other assets may come up today, but be sure not to over-spend or over-invest unwisely.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can gain favors you may need from others now, but don't do anything that could lose good will.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) You can talk that restrictive matter over with another, but if you think that silence is wiser, handle it in that fashion.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Sitting down with nice friends and exchanging views can bring about something very worthwhile now. Be more objective.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Fine day to gain advice from experts so that you can improve your activities and routines but don't take any action yet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Discuss that new idea you have with an expert and get all the information you can about it. Socialize this evening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be sure you check over that bill and/or statement you have to get out and make sure it's correct.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) It is important that you understand every article of that new contract with a partner, so study it carefully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) It is important that you understand every phase of that work ahead of you before you tackle it. Relax tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) The amusements you get into may be rather disappointing, so let it go at that. Do whatever your mate expects.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will know exactly what to do to bring more harmony and warmth within the home and family. The field of merchandizing will be very good here. Stress religion. Be sure to provide a proper diet.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

Ankara rejects Bonn's offer for repatriation of workers

ANKARA (R) — Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ulusu Friday rejected as totally inadequate draft legislation by the Bonn presidency, which it holds on a rotation basis, should not be exaggerated.

"Turkey does not expect new problems because of this, but we feel that solutions to existing problems could be postponed," he said.

Turkey and Greece have long been at odds over a number of issues, particularly concerning Cyprus and rights in the Aegean Sea.

Relations between the EC and Turkey, an associate member of

the community, have also been strained over EC restrictions on imports of Turkish textiles and Brussels' refusal to release \$600 million worth of aid because of objections to military rule in Ankara.

On the West German repatriation issue, Ulusu said the 10,500 marks (\$4,200) envisaged in Bonn's draft legislation for payment to foreign workers willing to return home was totally inadequate.

He called it "unjust and to the disadvantage of our workers."

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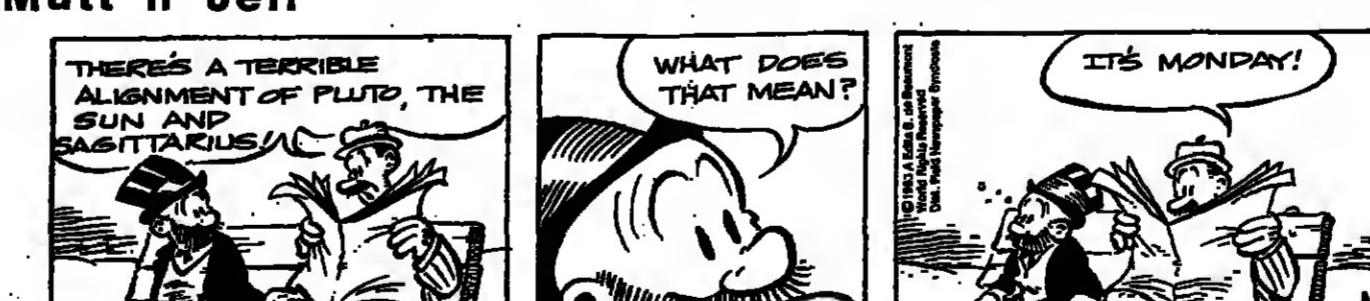
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Bloomingdale's ex-mistress beaten to death by boyfriend

LOS ANGELES (R) — A former actress who claimed a multi-millionaire friend of President Reagan promised to support her for life, had cash problems when she was beaten to death, police said Friday.

Vicki Morgan, who unsuccessfully sued Reagan adviser Alfred Bloomingdale and his wife Betsy for \$10 million saying she had a 12-year relationship with the heir to a store department fortune, died after a row with her boyfriend over money, according to police.

Thirty-year-old Morgan once said she received cheques for up to \$18,000 a month from Bloomingdale, who died last July. But police said she had told the manager of her Hollywood apartment she could no longer afford the rent of more than \$1,000 a month.

Mrs. Morgan's body was found Thursday in her tree-shaded home after her boyfriend, Marvin Pancoast, walked into a police station and blurted out "I just killed someone," a police spokesman said.

Detectives who went to the apartment found a blood-stained baseball bat beside her bed, the spokesman, Lt. Dan Cooke, said.

"There was a verbal fight, nothing physical, before Morgan went to bed," Lt. Cooke said. The argument was over money, he added.

Pancoast told detectives he had waited until Ms. Morgan was

asleep and entered her bedroom and hit her several times with a baseball bat, Lt. Cooke alleged.

He said Pancoast, a 33-year-old former clerk at a Hollywood talent agency, stated he had spent the last three weeks at Ms. Morgan's home.

Pancoast, who stands 1.8 metres, is being held in a local jail. Police said he was expected to be charged within the next few days.

A coroner's spokesman said a post mortem showed Ms. Morgan died almost instantly of multiple head injuries. He added that so far no one had claimed the body.

Ms. Morgan had sued Bloomingdale, who was a member of Mr. Reagan's so-called kitchen cabinet of advisers, last year for \$5 million, claiming he had promised to support her for life.

She also sued Mrs. Bloomingdale, often described as Mrs. Reagan's best friend, for \$5 million, claiming she had interfered in contacts between her husband and Ms. Morgan.

Ms. Morgan, who had been married three times, had a 14-year-old son, Todd, living with her. But police said one of the boy's grandmothers had taken the boy to her home, apparently in preparation for Ms. Morgan's moving.

Ms. Morgan's neighbours described her as a warm but private person — "a beautiful figure under a big hat," one of them said.

Andropov's U.S. schoolgirl pen-pal given red carpet welcome in Moscow

MOSCOW (R) — An 11-year-old American schoolgirl who wrote to President Yuri Andropov pleading for peace flew in Friday for a holiday at the Soviet leader's guest.

Samantha Smith, accompanied by her parents Arthur and Jane, was given a red-carpet welcome at the airport where a group of uniformed children lined up to present her with flowers.

The family was then taken to a city hotel in a black limousine led by a police car with flashing blue lights.

Samantha wrote to Mr. Andropov earlier this year asking why

the Soviet Union wanted to attack the United States. She received a highly publicised reply in which Mr. Andropov said his country wanted peace and asked her to come and see it for herself.

The dark-haired schoolgirl, tired but cheerful after a 19-hour flight, said she hoped to meet Mr. Andropov during her two-week stay and revealed she had brought a "secret present" for him.

If there is a meeting, which Soviet officials at the airport said was probable, Samantha said she would ask Mr. Andropov why both powers are still building up

their military arsenals.

"He promised me Russia would not start a war. America won't start a war either, so why do America and Russia keep making bombs and pointing them at each other?" she said.

After two days in Moscow, Samantha is to fly to a summer camp on the Black Sea reserved largely for the children of senior officials and artists.

Samantha, daughter of a university lecturer from Maine, said she was looking forward most to the summer camp and had brought her roller skates with her.

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ASEAN envoys to meet Reagan in November

SINGAPORE (R) — Foreign ministers from five non-communist South East Asian countries will meet President Reagan during his visit to Jakarta in November, official sources here said Friday.

The foreign ministers from Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines and Indonesia will meet in the Indonesian capital before talking with the American president.

The exact date of President Reagan's Jakarta visit has yet to be announced, but the sources said that it is expected to be in the middle of November.

The five countries, all members of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), had earlier dropped a proposal that they meet President Reagan at summit level, the sources said.

Indonesian girl vows to stay in contest

ST. LOUIS (R) — Indonesia's entrant in the Miss Universe pageant said Thursday she would not withdraw from the contest despite a row in her country over her being photographed wearing only a swimsuit.

The row erupted after a photograph of Andi Botauri, 18, was published in Indonesian newspapers last week. She appeared in a line-up of other contestants, all in swimsuits.

Thursday Miss Botauri told a news conference she would stay in the contest being held in St. Louis on July 11.

Members of Indonesia's parliament have demanded to know why authorised her to participate in the pageant.

It also accepted the resignations

of the four officials — deputy

President Sir Lankar Bandaranaike,

two vice-presidents and an assis-

tant secretary.

The four had also resigned from

the central committee, but said

they would remain in the party.

Political sources said the resig-

nations followed differences

with Mrs. Bandaranaike and her

son, Anura, a Member of Par-

liament.

One of the vice-presidents

Hector Kobbekaduwa, was

the party's candidate in the country's

presidential election last October.

The assistant secretary who res-

igned was Mrs. Bandaranaike's

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Press commentators here noted

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